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1. Eighty per cent of Bulgarian tobacco now goes to the USSR, which has urged the following changes in Bulgarian tobacco growing and processing, which conform to Soviet methods:
  - a. Tobacco is planted in only one step, instead of two steps which were formerly employed; and
  - b. Fermentation of the tobacco leaf is accelerated.
2. While the above changes have increased quantity and speeded up delivery, they have resulted in only one grade of Bulgarian tobacco being produced which is designed to meet Soviet taste and requirements.

Comment: [REDACTED] Bulgaria reneged on an agreement signed May 1954 regarding the delivery of tobacco. [REDACTED] Bulgaria exported the tobacco at a price 25 per cent lower.

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